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to allow said intermediate member to extend between the pages of the book and along the length of the spine of the book without stretching its binding;

a top anchor having a thickness greater than the thickness of the intermediate member and being in the form of a first portion of a character including a head end secured to said first end;

a bottom anchor having a thickness greater than the thickness of the intermediate member and being in the form of a second portion of said character secured to said second end;

wherein the length of said intermediate member may be extended from its predetermined length to accommodate books of different sizes,

wherein said anchors inhibit removal of the bookmark in a direction parallel to the length of the spine when the book is inserted therein;

wherein said top anchor includes a first fastener element; and

said bottom anchor includes a second fastener element constructed for releasable engagement with said first fastener element; and

said first fastener element and said second fastener element comprise a snap.

35. (NEW) A bookmark for use in between pages of a book having a spine and a binding comprising:

a flexible elongated, intermediate member having a first end and an opposing second end, said member having a predetermined length and thickness, said thickness and being of a size to allow said intermediate member to extend between the pages of the book and along the length of

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the spine of the book without stretching its binding;

a top anchor having a thickness greater than the thickness of the intermediate member and being in the form of a first portion of a character including a head end secured to said first end;

a bottom anchor having a thickness greater than the thickness of the intermediate member and being in the form of a second/portion of said character secured to said second end;

wherein the length of said intermediate member may be extended from its predetermined length to accommodate books of different sizes; and

wherein said anchors inhibit removal of the bookmark in a direction parallel to the length of the spine when the book is inserted therein;

wherein said op anchor includes a first fastener element; and

said bottom anchor includes a second fastener element constructed for releasable engagement with said first fastener element; and

said first fastener element is in the form of a series of hooks and said second fastener is in the form of a pile material having a set of loops.

## **DISCUSSION**

Applicant respectfully requests entry of new claims 34 and 35. Claims 34 and 35 correspond to previously allowed dependant claims 26 and 27 of parent application Serial No. 09/136,348.